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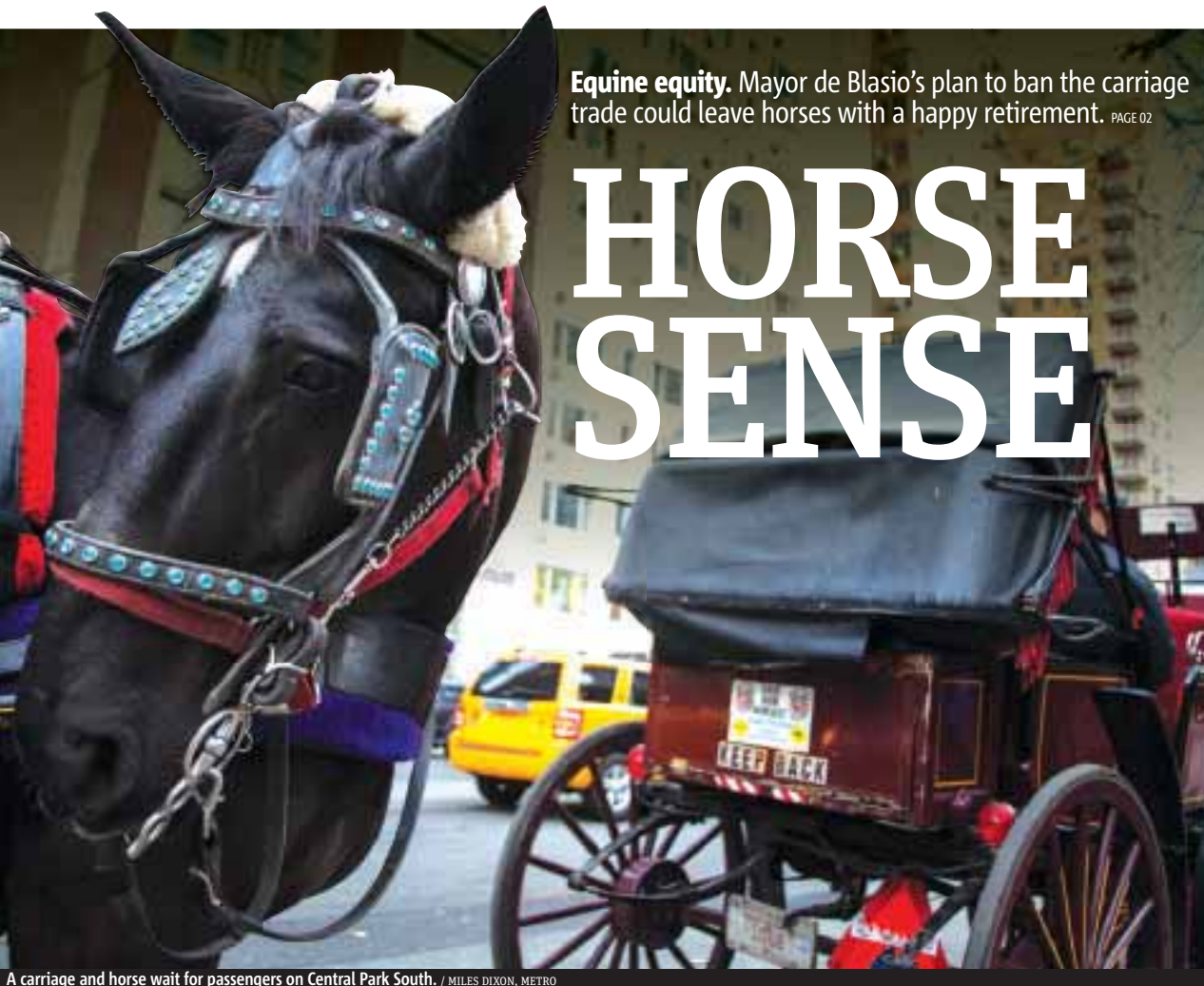
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A carriage and horse wait for passengers on Central Park South. / MILES DIXON, METRO

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Carriage horses may live on under de Blasio's ban

Business. Carriage horses can be sold for sausage when they retire. That would end under a new bill.

Want to get rid of a carriage horse? Mayor Bill de Blasio will need to convince the City Council to adopt a law banning them. For horse owners, it's a lot easier: Just send a postcard to the city's Department of Health, and you can do what you like with the horse.

That's because once an owner withdraws the horse from city regulation — which he can do with a simple note — the horse is his to do with as he wishes.

Some 220 horses currently walk New York streets, says animal rights organization NYCLASS. Over 200 retired horses simply disappeared from city records between 2009 and 2014, the Department of Health said in June.

"If they are supposedly going to good homes, why not just tell us where they went?" asked Allie Feldman, executive director of NYCLASS.

Feldman said animal aid groups have offered adoptive homes for former carriage horses.

Drivers have refused to accept the offers, she said. "Instead, they just let these horses go and they disappear."

Feldman suspects



A horse-drawn carriage passes the Ritz-Carlton Hotel on Central Park South. / MILES DIXON

Horsing around

Carriages have been responsible for 14 hit-and-runs since 2009, says the NYPD.

- Records show that in the past five years carriage drivers have been responsible for 27 collisions with vehicles, trucks and bicyclists, 14 of which ended with drivers fleeing the scene.
- The most recent hit-

and-run occurred in September 2013, at the corner of 8th Avenue and 58th Street, when a driver sideswiped a car being driven by a 76-year-old woman before fleeing the scene. The NYPD had no record of arrest.

- "A lot of people don't even realize carriages have license plates on the back, and when they see

an incident happen they don't know what to do, how to report it or what to tell the police," Feldman said, which she calls "another indicator of the lawlessness and inhumanity of the carriage industry."

- Carriage drivers, Feldman said, "just don't care. They think that they're above the law."

facility where they went, the phone number, what type of conditions there are at the new place," said Feldman. De Blasio's bill, announced today, would end that.

Horsecart drivers and owners say they won't allow the city take away their livelihood.

"We're gonna fight tooth and nail," said Stephen Malone, a spokesman for the Horse and Carriage Association.

"What's happening here is a hostile takeover," he said. "It was a lousy thing that happened this morning. Three hundred of my colleagues had to wake up, bring their children to school and find out the mayor is gonna bring them out of business."

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many were sold for meat. Slaughtering horses has been illegal in the United States since 2011.

More than 130,000 horses are transported to Canada and Mexico annually after being bought at auction in the U.S., says animal rights group PETA.

Janine Jacques, a

spokesperson for the Equine Rescue Network, estimates that larger horses like the ones used for NYC carriages typically sell for less than \$350 at auction, many to "kill buyers" who purchase horses by the pound.

"[Owners] don't have to say where the horse went, the name of the

Crime. Anthony Marshall dies; defrauded mother Brooke Astor

Anthony D. Marshall, who was convicted of scamming millions of dollars from his Alzheimer's-addled mother, socialite Brooke Astor, died on Sunday in Manhattan. He was 90.

Marshall, who was convicted with Astor's former attorney, Francis X. Morrissey Jr., was not only

famous for looting more than \$11 million dollar from his philanthropist mother, but also for his service in the CIA and a later career as a Tony Award-winning Broadway producer.

He was sentenced after a six-month trial to one to three years in prison in December 2009. **METRO**



Marshall / GETTY IMAGES

Metro-North & LIRR

Tech glitch hits December Mail & Ride Cards

Commuter train riders who usually receive their monthly unlimited MetroCards and rail passes by mail did not have their cards reloaded for Monday morning's commute.

Mail & Ride customers should purchase a monthly unlimited card

from vending machines on Tuesday, and will be issued a credit for the expense and any surcharges, said MTA spokesman Aaron Donovan. The glitch affected about 7,100 LIRR riders and 2,800 Metro-North riders on Monday.

Donovan said the LIRR keeps 100 unlimited cards on hand a month in case of technical issues. The reserve ran out on Monday.

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Trash

City dumping
compost in
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Waste collected from New York City's composting program is being sent to landfills instead of being returned to the earth as clean, rich soil.

The Delaware plant that collects New York's organic waste was shut Oct. 20 by



Trash bin. / FILE PHOTO

that state's Department of Natural Resources, which said the Peninsula Compost Company "has placed an undue burden" on residents' quality of life due to "frequent uncontrolled odors."

The plant processes 115,000 tons of food, yard and hatchery waste per year, and must remove all waste from the plant by March 2015. The closing of

the compost plant was first reported by WNYC radio.

That's left New York City with no place to put the organic waste it's been trying to recycle. The city collected about 2,764 tons of organic waste from September 2012 through March 2014 from about 400 schools and 45 community sites, according to the Sanitation Department.

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A speaker at the MTA hearing in The Bronx. / WENDY JOAN BIDDLECOMBE

MTA fare hike angers workers in the Bronx

Piece of mind.

Subway riders say the MTA's plan is unfair to working New Yorkers.

\$4.50 to \$116.50, and increase a weekly unlimited card by \$1 to \$31.

One proposal increases single rides by 25 cents to \$2.75, bumps up one-ride tickets to \$3, and boosts MetroCard bonuses to 11 percent from 5 percent.

The second proposal keeps single-trip fares at \$2.50, but gets rid of the bonus.

Transit advocate Louis Bailey said the MTA should improve service to "transit deserts" such as Co-Op City before funding capital projects in Manhattan.

"It's a regressive way of funding public transportation," John Raskin,

executive director of Rider's Alliance, said of fare hikes. "The entire city relies on good public transit.

They shouldn't be pushing the cost on those who can least afford it." About 29 percent of the Bronx residents live below the poverty line — more than double New York's average, according to the Census Bureau.

Kathryn Wyld, president of the Partnership for New York City, said fare increases are necessary to keep a "world class transit system going."

A handful of riders officially gave the MTA a piece of their mind on proposed rate hikes Monday night in the Bronx.

"The MTA actually stands for money thrown away," said William Stanford, 43, who is a serial public hearing attendee who also goes by "Mr. X," said before the hearing.

Antionette Gregg, 27, said she came to the public hearing because she wanted more information on the rate hike.

Gregg, who lives in Jersey City, said she has to take both the MTA and PATH trains to get to work at Bronx Community College.

The hearing was the first of a series ahead of the MTA board's January fare vote.

Fewer than 10 speakers testified at the Bronx hearing, which was over in 30 minutes.

The board will select one of two proposed fare hikes in January. Both would increase monthly unlimited MetroCards by



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Ferguson. Times Square 'die-in' shows student solidarity on race

Hundreds of students and youth staged what they called a mass die-in in Times Square on Monday to protest a grand jury's decision not to indict former Ferguson Police Officer Darren Wilson for fatally shooting unarmed 18-year-old Michael Brown.

Young protesters gathered at Union Square chanting and carrying signs, that read "Black Lives Matter," and "Hands Up, Don't Shoot." It was part of a national demonstration calling for students to walk out of school at 12:01 p.m. CST — the time Brown was shot by Wilson.

"We are here to limit the power of police," said 14-year-old Bard High School student Jonathan Laraque-ho. "We need to get justice for those killed by the police."

Protesters marched to Times Square briefly stopping traffic on Third Avenue, leading to small scuffles with the police.



Students gathered in Union Square at the start of the protest. / CARLOS LLAMAS

Quoted.

"We need to elect new people into office. We need a national movement to end structural racism and corrupt police forces."

City Tech student Brandon Shahib

Five people were arrested with no reported injuries, police said.

"The justice system just doesn't work," said Union Theological Seminary student Shamika Goddard, who said she's been harassed by cops. "Change doesn't happen in courtrooms, it happens in the streets."

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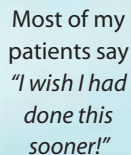
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Guns. Baby shower shooting alarms street

Frightened neighbors said they were shocked but defiant after a Sunday night shooting at a baby shower left four people wounded outside an East Flatbush catering hall.

"Gun violence isn't the issue, it's an education issue," said a 67-year-old who would only give his name as Osborne. "They need to find something constructive for the kids. Education and jobs."

The shower at Remsen Hall, at 375 Remsen Ave., left three men and a woman wounded. Police had no information to share on suspects or a motive.

"It's bad for us," said a worried employee of Remsen Hall who didn't want to be identified. "We had many calls of concerns today, but no cancellations yet."

Beverly, also 67, said she can't recall anything similar in her neighborhood. "This street is quiet and what happened won't prevent me going in the



The scene / MILES DIXON, METRO

street or to the service in the church."

Younger people seemed less surprised. "It happens here," said a 21-year old named Cameron. "And I'm not surprised."

The 67th Precinct, where the shooting occurred, had 56 shootings so far this year, and 10 murders.

"Something has to be done to get the guns off the streets," said a woman who called herself Mrs. McMillan.

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Tuesdays through Fridays I work five to seven hours a day at a public relations/investor relations firm. On Mondays, nights and weekends I am focused on my job as editor-in-chief of Affect magazine, an online publication dedicated to stories about social issues, causes and impactful stories. Also on the side, I do independent PR for nonprofits who can't afford agency rates.

What does your job as editor-in-chief of Affect magazine entail?

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Helaina Hovitz. / PROVIDED

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Weak data

Global stocks fall, yen and oil recover from lows

Global stock markets fell on Monday as slowing factory activity in China and Europe added to worries about weaker global growth. Apple shares dropped, while the yen briefly hit a seven-year low after Moody's cut its rating on Japan.

Oil prices rebounded after hitting five-year lows, lifted by data suggesting that tumbling prices may have started affecting drilling activity in the fast-growing U.S. shale oil industry.

The day's data added to investor caution. Chinese purchasing managers data showed manufacturing slowed in November, suggesting the world's second biggest economy was continuing to lose momentum. Factory activity also slowed in France and Germany.

"The places where

we are seeing strength are in the more defensive areas of the [stock] market. That's tied to the perceived weakness in global growth," said Kevin Caron, market strategist at Stifel, Nicolaus & Co in Florham Park, New Jersey. **REUTERS**

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On Wall Street, Apple shares dropped 2.7 percent and the stock was the most actively traded on Nasdaq. The cause of the decline was not yet clear. Shares of U.S. retailers declined after Thanksgiving weekend in-store sales failed to impress.



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The White House released the results of a months-long review into whether community police need some of the military-style weaponry sent to police departments since the 9/11 attacks.

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A joint intelligence bulletin sent to law enforcement agencies by the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security urged members of the military to erase from their online social media accounts anything that would draw attention from "violent extremists," or reveal service members' identity, the news network said.

ABC said the government indicated late Sunday it had obtained intelligence that Islamic State militants, who have taken over parts of Iraq and Syria with the intention of setting up a fundamentalist caliphate, were targeting the United States within its borders.

"The FBI recently re-



A U.S. government source told Reuters the warning most likely was issued in response to an upsurge in social media postings by suspected militants threatening U.S. service members. / GETTY IMAGES

ceived reporting indicating individuals overseas are spotting and assessing like-minded individuals who are willing and capable of conducting attacks against current and former U.S.-based members of the United

States military," the bulletin said, according to a Reuters source.

An FBI spokesman confirmed the accuracy of the ABC report, but declined to provide a copy of the memo.

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OMG! Gas masks with 'sole': Artist makes gas masks out of sneakers

This artist really knows how to "mask" the smell of sneakers.

California-based artist Gary Lockwood, aka Free-hand Profit, turns kicks into gas masks as a part of a project called "Sneakerhead." The 31-year-old explains why "duality" is at the heart of his "sole" style.

What's your method in mask-making?

Each mask I create is one-of-a-kind. I'll never use the same shoe twice (a different color of that shoe, maybe, but always constructed in a new way). They all start seemingly the same with the destruction of a coveted pair of sneakers. Then over the course of six weeks to six months, depending on the mask, I piece together the puzzle — backward.

Why did you start making them in the first place?

I've been a lifelong artist



One of Lockwood's masks made from sneakers

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and hip-hop head. In 2010, I started a year-long, daily creative project called "MASK365." For it I created, drew and

painted a mask every day and published it through my blog. During the project I pushed myself out of my own creative comfort zones and craved new materials to work with. I made a gas mask like the ones you see today — except with a handbag that had been thrown out. I don't know much about handbags, but I was happy with the new piece and saw a lot of potential in the new artistic process.

What do the masks represent?

They're intended as works of art: sculptures that are individual art pieces but also a bigger part of my art through photography. Sneakers have always been a staple of hip-hop culture, and as such they became a part of my life. The gas mask comes in to play partially because I started writing graffiti in school. **DMITRY BELYAEV, METRO WORLD NEWS**

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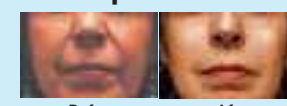


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Getting personal

How to talk about money with your family

Some financial advisers look to the holidays as a good time for families to bond in an unlikely way: by talking about money.

The holiday spirit and together-time can make it easier for families to discuss important

financial matters such as parents' wills, how family money is managed, retirement plans, charity and eldercare issues, advisers say.

"When you help different generations communicate and cooperate on topics that may keep them up at night, it bonds them as a family," says Doug Liptak, an Atlanta-based adviser.

1 Making money talk more fun Family meetings should not be held over the holiday table after everyone has had a few drinks, but at another convenient time.

"That may mean in the living room the next afternoon, over dinner at a fun restaurant or at a ski lodge," says adviser Stewart Massey.

2 What to expect The adviser can kick off a family meeting by asking, "What one thing would you like to accomplish as a family in 2015?" says Liptak. Then the adviser can take notes and continue to facilitate the discussion. Money talk doesn't have to be awkward, and a facilitator can keep things from getting heated. **REUTERS**



The holidays are one of the few times of year that multiple generations come together, making it a good time to talk about family finances. / WAVEBREAK MEDIA

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"For those who didn't have coverage in 2014, the penalty will be 1 percent of their taxable income or \$95, whatever is higher," says Lisa Zamosky, a health care correspondent and TurboTax blog contributor. That might not sound like much, but the penalty will continue to increase each year. "For 2015, the penalty will be 2 percent of your income or \$325, whichever is higher, and for 2016 it will be even more," she says.

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Zamosky also stresses that for people still feeling overwhelmed about choosing a plan, there's plenty of free help available, including toll-free numbers at Healthcare.gov and navigators who will walk you through the process in person. Find one at Localhelp.Healthcare.gov.



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Ever since I made my first million nearly 15 years ago, my life, and especially my work, has been insanely busy. But only recently have I gotten better at managing my time. Don't let your crazy schedule derail your productivity. Here are three secrets I've learned to manage my time better.

Secret No. 1: Wake up early and work out

Every day is a marathon for me, as I receive nearly 3,000 emails and have several meetings and conference calls, not to mention that I spend the majority of the day trading stocks and making



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video lessons. By getting up between 5 a.m. and 6 a.m., I'm able to get important tasks done before everyone else wakes up and starts bothering me. I've also learned that getting in a 30-minute workout in the early morning helps alleviate stress

So many of us in the finance world have enjoyed a record-breaking year, but we're all so grateful and thankful, too. I love when good things happen to good people!

It's sad that police officer Darren Wilson had to resign due to this whole controversy, but it's the right thing to do so we can heal.



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and allows me to work more efficiently over the course of my long days.

Secret No. 2: Shun TV and video games

I know far too many people who spend enormous amounts of time trying to relax by watching TV and playing video games, so much so that it sucks up their time and efficiency. Don't plop yourself down on the couch with two handfuls of junk food and give in to the temptation. If you do want to watch TV, do something productive during the commercial breaks.



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Secret No. 3: Prioritize tasks

We are most efficient early in the day, so that's when I prioritize my important and favorite projects. Despite the pull to reply to emails, text messages and social media within minutes of receiving them, most are not pressing so you can and should respond later. Focus on your most complex projects and things that you're most passionate about first, and only afterward concern yourself with dealing with questions and commentary from others.

What Sykes likes this week

I'm giving away my \$100,000 Porsche for fun, and my contest has gone viral!



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The Ferguson debate is nasty and sad, but we as a nation will get through this and be better as a result.



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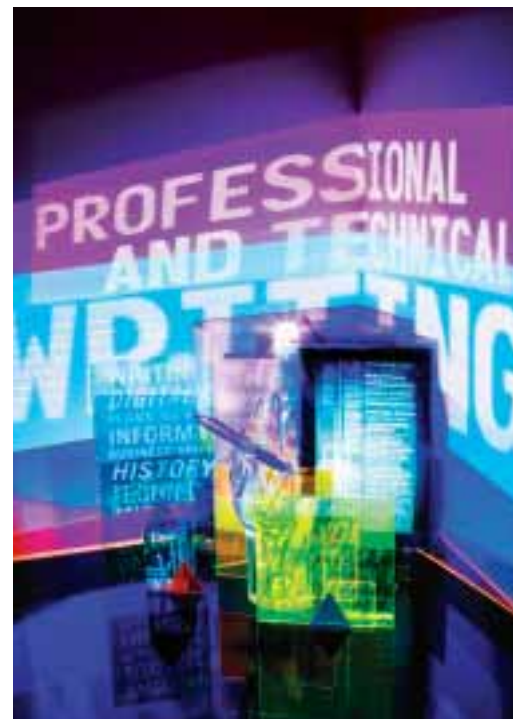
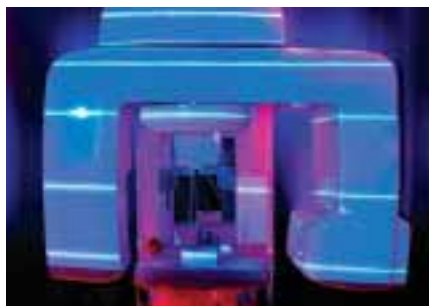


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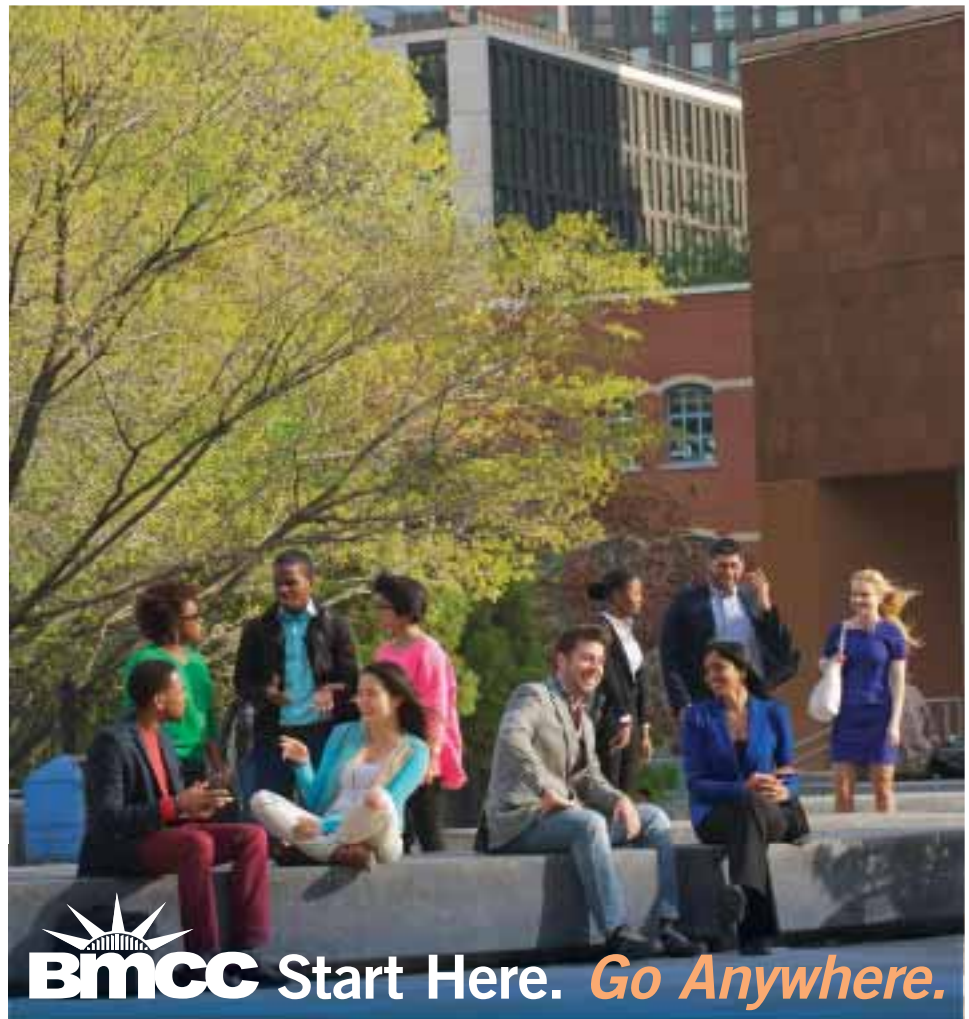
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1 Is it cool for Melissa Rivers to use her dead mom's Twitter account?

I've got a social media etiquette quandary for you: What's the policy for making use of a loved one's Twitter account after he or she has passed away? What if that person is a hugely famous comedy pioneer? Fans of Joan Rivers got quite a shock over the holiday weekend when the comedienne started tweeting again three months after she died. It turns out it was just her daughter, Melissa Rivers, taking over the account. "I finally figured out my mom's password," she tweeted.

Since then, Melissa has been posting mostly about trips to the theater with her son, Cooper, and the same tweets have been duplicating to her own account. But here's the thing: Joan's Twitter account has 2.22 million followers, while Melissa's has just 231,000. She does know you can change the display name on a Twitter account, right? And the photo? It won't even affect the follower count, if



TWITTER, @JOAN_RIVERS

that's what she's worried about. And you don't have to make it look like Joan Rivers is tweeting from

beyond the grave. This just feels a little on the icky side to me. But hey, we're in a brave new world here.

2 Amanda Bynes' parents using Uber to track her

This maybe isn't exactly the kind of celebrity endorsement the folks behind Uber were thinking of when they started it, but hey, you take what you can get. Amanda Bynes' parents have reportedly started using the app as a compromise to let their troubled daughter do her own thing but still keep tabs on her. "Amanda's mom, Lynn, set up the Uber car

service on her daughter's cell phone. Uber can take Amanda anywhere she needs to go and it's paid for out of Amanda's estate, since her mom has conservatorship," a source tells Radar Online. "This allow Amanda to have independence. But at the same time, her parents can track where she goes." Man, wait until they find out about Find My iPhone.

Daily video

Puppy sings along to 'Let It Go'

OK, so maybe this isn't newsy in the slightest, but come on, it's so adorable. Here's Oakley, an Australian shepherd puppy that responds to "Let It Go" from "Frozen" by perking up and howling. Of course, that's the same thing my dog does

when ambulance and fire truck sirens go by, so I'm not sure how much of an endorsement of Idina Menzel's singing this is after all.



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Memoir. In "The Lonely War," Nazila Fathi uses her personal narrative to dispel clichés and stereotypes.

Serving as the Iranian correspondent for The New York Times — among other publications — has put Nazila Fathi's life in danger many times over the past decade, but she never questioned her choice to become a journalist.

"You become so overwhelmed by the events that somehow you don't feel the fear," she says. She adds that growing up in Iran during the Iranian Revolution made her accustomed to living in a fearful climate, and she didn't realize just how stressful her environment was until she left the country.

Fathi's new memoir, "The Lonely War" (out Dec. 9), chronicles the aftermath of the revolution and how it affected her personally. The way Fathi weaves Iran's narrative with her own makes for a compelling read. She tells us that one reason she wrote the book is to break down stereotypes people have about Iran.

Such stereotyping was evident even as she finalized the book's cover: "The publisher said people wouldn't know this was a book about Iran unless we put a woman wearing



NAZILA FATHI HAS BEEN AN IRANIAN CORRESPONDENT FOR OVER 20 YEARS.
HASSAN SARBAKHSHIAN

ing a chador on the cover," Fathi says. "This is such a cliché. ... You hardly ever come across a woman who lives here, in a free country, and wears the chador." In the end, Fathi took her publisher's advice and she's ultimately happy with the cover. "I hope that once people read the book they learn that these are not true perceptions of the country and its people."

Another misconception Fathi says people in the West have is that nuclear weapons are the most important issue to the Iranian

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people. Instead, she says, they care about gaining more personal freedoms. As the middle class has grown, Fathi says the people see freedoms that exist elsewhere and they want them, too.

When Iranian pop singer Morteza Pashaei died of cancer Nov. 14 at 30 years old, thousands of Iranians flooded the streets all across Iran to mourn him. "Women, who are not permitted to sing in public, were singing his songs," Fathi

says. "It's a sign that the younger generation is vying for more personal freedom. They're looking for an excuse to show their solidarity."

It's a fight the Iranian people are still fighting, and Fathi's voice is one of 77 million — albeit a strong one. Her story is worth hearing; she did risk her life to tell it.



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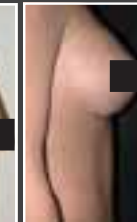
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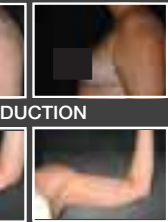
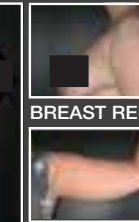
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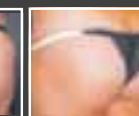
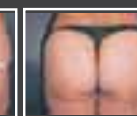
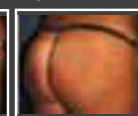
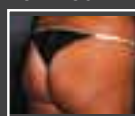
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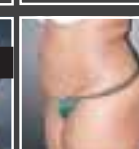
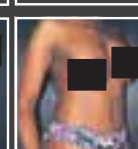
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'The Rocketeer'

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fits a good ol' country boy (Bill Campbell) with a Nazi-bred super-rocket. It's an alternate-world franchise starter, one where '30s-set comics still spark the American imagination and where Campbell and Timothy Dalton (as the rakish baddie) are megastars.

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'Los Angeles Plays Itself'

"The Rocketeer" makes fine use of Hollywood. Yet it, alas, goes unmentioned in this exhaustive, brilliant documentary epic from film professor and cine-essayist Thom Andersen that delves deeply into the city's use — and misuse — in the movies. Throughout its three hours, a city — both the real and the fictional one — comes thrillingly alive.



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One of the films cited in "Los Angeles Plays Itself" is also one of the great LA films: a case of corporate synergy that actually proved great for execs, filmmakers and viewers alike. Indeed, this, not 1990's "The Two Jakes,"



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Interview. Lisa Edelstein's new show features a woman figuring out her place in the world, a few years after most people do it.

fect marriage is completely falling apart. By the end of the pilot episode, her thriving writing career has torpedoed. But Lisa Edelstein ("House"), who plays Abby, says this is all part of the process of finding out who she is as an adult.

How would you describe Abby?

Abby McCarthy brings new meaning to the phrase "having it all." The main character in Bravo's first scripted series, "Girlfriends' Guide to Divorce," is managing her personal and professional life so well, she's writing advice books about how to do it right. Of course, this makes it all the more difficult for her when, secretly, her per-

Abby is a super bright, talented and funny writer who identifies with her public persona as an answer lady, knowing how to be the perfect mom, knowing how to be a great wife, knowing how to be a great lover. Her whole identity is wrapped around those ideas, and all of it sort of falls apart by the end of Episode 1. So she's really a woman in search of herself. And she's doing it at an age when one would expect to be more established, and instead

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she's starting again.

Did you find any parallels in your own life about what Abby goes through, being in the public eye?

Certainly, being any kind of celebrity, there's a lot of pitfalls. There's a lot of dangers. You can really confuse your public persona with who you are as a human being and your own value as a human being, and that's a very dangerous mindset to get in, when you only feel as good as people are perceiving you.

This is your first starring role. Are you feeling the responsibility of that?

I'm loving it. I love this project. I feel like it uses every part of me, as opposed to having to use a sliver of yourself to move forward somebody else's storyline. It's really a fun opportunity and I'm super grateful for it. I always have fun on my jobs, but this has been a remarkable experience.

It seems like Abby and her husband, Jake, aren't quite out of love

with each other. Is there going to be a will they/won't they aspect to their relationship?

Yes. These are two people who have barely dealt with each other for so long that by having to get a divorce and deal with each other, they're remembering what they love about each other. So there's still a will they/won't they aspect to it going through Season 1.

You just got married this year. Did your friends give you a hard time about the timing of starring in a show with divorce in the title?

I started the show about divorce the day after I got married. No, they wouldn't give me trouble! Everyone's super excited. This last year has been one of the most incredible years of my entire life. I am with a man that I was willing and happy to marry, which has never happened to me before, and I got this job of a lifetime. I got my dream job.



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TV watch list

COMEDY

'Benché'

Nina's quest to adjust to her new life as a public defender features a particularly bitter pill to swallow this week: acclimating to frequently losing cases to her smug ex-boyfriend. **10:30 P.M., USA**



Watch "Benché" to see Nina make this face at her ex.
/ BEN COHEN, USA NETWORK

DRAMA

'Forever'

Henry finds himself investigating a more highbrow case after the body of a British aristocrat is discovered in Central Park. Is that where the aristocrats are hanging out these days? **10 P.M., ABC**

TALK SHOWS

'The Colbert Report'

Colbert welcomes everyone's favorite musical duo to perform: Lady Gaga and Tony Bennett. What do they talk about backstage? **11:30 P.M., COMEDY CENTRAL**
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Don't miss the Elvis exhibit at the Country Music Hall of Fame. / PROVIDED

Down south. Spend a long weekend in Music City, USA.

Nashville, Tennessee, is widely known as the city of music, and for good reason. Pinball down Broadway, the Southern town's touristy yet

charming main drag, and you'll hear live music pouring out of every bar. But while we love a good ol' honky tonk, we can't help but be distracted by the food, culture and history that Nashville has to offer as well.

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Tours

Sightsee

You don't have to be a country music fan to appreciate the RCA Studio B tour. Your guide will be an energetic wealth of stories, taking you through the years of the famous recording studio, which still operates today.

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Listen to clips from the Everly Brothers and Waylon Jennings while getting a behind-the-scenes look at where they recorded. In fact, depending on when you go, you might get to see an artist recording.

The tour leaves from the Country Music Hall of Fame. Factor in time for a self-guided tour there before or after your Studio B stop.

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Hot chicken

Eat here

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If you're ending your night on this Nashvillian note, we commend you and your iron stomach. And we suggest Prince's Hot Chicken Shack. It might not look like much, but it doesn't have to. They're open late and they're serv-

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Exclusive interview with The Grinch

For kids. Dr. Seuss' grumpiest character breaks his silence to tell us what exactly he does all day.

The Grinch may not be a people person exactly, but he agreed to talk to us exclusively. Eavesdrop on our conversation below and see Tony Award-winning actor Shuler Hensley take the stage at The Theater at Madison Square Garden Dec. 5 through Dec. 28.

So, what do you do all day? Are there any TV shows you like?

I really like "Jerry Springer" and reality TV. I like to play catch with my dog Max, mainly things like fetch the cactus, go fetch the bag of thumb tacks ... things where he

isn't really expecting the consequences.

You and the mayor of Whoville don't get along. Pretty much anything dealing with Whoville, I disdain. They're just so freaking friendly, it makes my fur crawl.

I've heard you've met a Who named CindyLou. CindyLou is the tiniest member of Whoville. She's



Tony Award-winning actor Shuler Hensley plays The Grinch in The Theater at MSG's production. / PROVIDED

very precocious. She has giant eyes and is just full of questions. ... [Whos] love to sing and they eat all these Whoville specialties, like roast beef and lots of sweets. My sweet taste buds are pretty much nonexistent. I like sour, hot and moldy.

Interesting. What are you eating for dinner tonight? I have a giant bowl of warm mayonnaise sitting out, which I'm going to enjoy through a straw.

Is there a holiday message you want to pass on to residents outside of Whoville? If there are any lovely people who enjoy merriment and good cheer, stay away.



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Horoscope

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Go over your investments and look into pending matters, and you will discover a way to bring in a little extra cash.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20. Elderly family members will add to your responsibilities. If too much is being asked of you, take time to consider your response.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. Jealousy is motivating someone to undermine your progress. If partnership problems arise, be true to your beliefs but willing to listen and compromise.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Someone will show interest in your work, but if an offer is made, get it in writing. A handshake will not protect you if someone steals your ideas.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. Your luck is changing. Repayment of a debt can be expected. A bargain will help you stick to a budget and find the perfect gift.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. Financial gains are likely if you push for advancement. Determine the value of your assets and make changes to your strategies.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Go ahead and make changes that can improve your life. You will beat opposition with your wisdom and quick response.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. In order to get ahead, you have to show greater consistency. If you are constantly running around in circles, you will be overlooked.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. No relationship will succeed if one person is more demanding or controlling. Reconsider who is on your side and who is working against you.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Reassess your personal paperwork before it's too late to take advantage of a tax break. Love is on the rise.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. A break from routine will help to recharge your batteries. Get out with friends and enjoy life. Someone new will get your attention.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Make sure the person you confide in is acting on your behalf. Don't share your creative ideas, or someone will reinvent what you've discovered.

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Sudoku: Easy and hard

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Crossword

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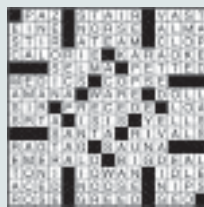
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- 10 Still
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- 15 Win by — —
- 16 Comply
- 17 Young Lennon
- 18 Bradbury's "— 451"
- 20 Presents
- 22 Dough
- 23 Croc relatives
- 25 Does a sewing chore
- 26 Lacking pigment
- 27 Instant lawn
- 28 Drags behind
- 32 "Star Trek" speed
- 33 Microwaves
- 35 Tizzy
- 36 Hubbub
- 37 Hot rod
- 38 Keats opus
- 39 Give a high-five
- 41 Untrue (2 wds.)
- 43 Zip or area
- 44 London park
- 45 Hydrocarbon suffix
- 46 Spectrum color
- 48 Distance
- 50 Caterwauled
- 51 Hazard
- 54 Travesty
- 55 Alertness (2 wds.)

Down

- 57 Ladder part
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- 4 Dressy shoe
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- 6 Talks online
- 7 Sighs of relief
- 8 Cosmonaut's station
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- 11 Labor leader I.W. —
- 12 Spunky movie princess
- 13 Legend
- 19 — de guerre
- 21 Charged particle
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- 29 Actor Peter —

- 30 United
- 31 Kind of tooth
- 34 Storrs sch.
- 40 Onetime Spanish coins
- 41 Least messy
- 42 Gorge
- 43 Groveled
- 47 Winter Games org.
- 49 "Hogwash!"
- 50 Waffler's answer
- 51 Tease
- 52 Female lobsters
- 53 Magazine stand
- 54 Wife, to a lawyer
- 56 Chilly and damp
- 58 Ending for "depart"
- 59 Pen point
- 60 Understand

Weekend's answer



Letters

Better hiring regulations is the answer

The immigration crisis and the collapse of fisheries have similar causes: years and years of under-regulation and oversight. Bans on fishing, causing a crisis, could have been avoided if government had required moderate reductions over, say, the last 20 years. Maybe so many immigrants would not have entered unlawfully over the years if they were not able to get hired. But the government did not require strict enough methods for proving their legality for employment. If this were the case, the government could have been auditing businesses and prosecuting the owners of the businesses.

DALE P. KLINE, VIA EMAIL

Evening the score

Re: 'Obama doing a good job' (Metro, Dec. 1) In 2007, the stock market was at its highest point ever. Unemployment was 5.4 percent, President Bush passed Medicare Part D with bipartisan support and he wanted immigration reform. (Ironically, a senator from Illinois opposed Bush taking executive action.) Additionally, the GDP was growing steadily since the recession he inherited and the 9/11 attacks. To letter writer Dennis Nascimento: Would you say President Bush did a great job?

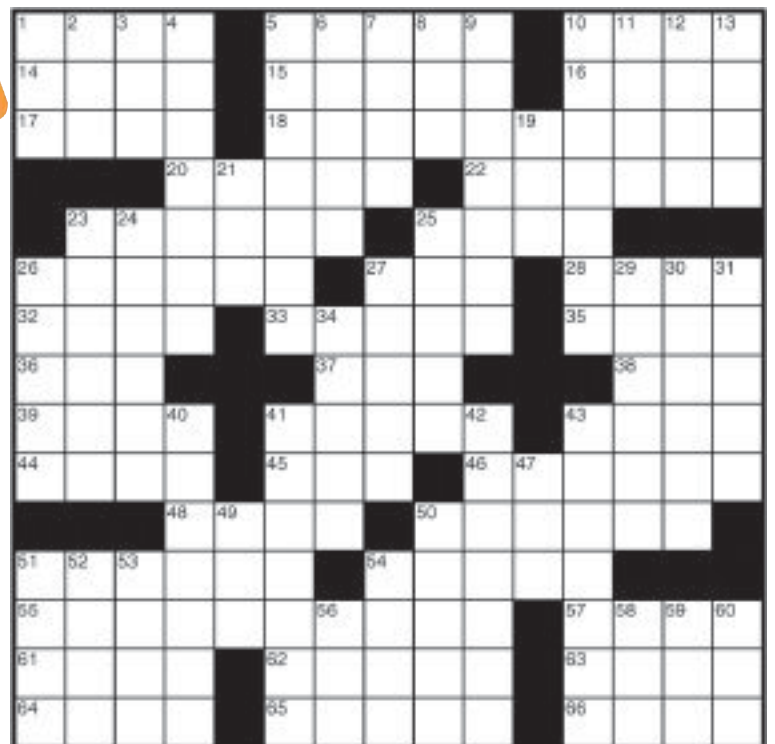
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Nets are again proving to be a disappointment

NBA. Brooklyn's Deron Williams is putting up solid numbers, but the Nets are hurting in the standings.

About 20 minutes after his first month as Brooklyn Nets head coach concluded, Lionel Hollins unfolded a sheet with a Nets box score and was not at all pleased with the facts the numbers bore.

Hollins is maneuvering to fix a team that has dropped nine of 15 games, including Sunday's 102-84 loss to the Bulls that could have been even worse than the score indicated.

"It's about being mentally tough," Hollins said. "It's about competing. It's about making good decisions. It's about being together 100 percent of the time, all the time, playing for each other for 48 minutes and giving effort every night. It just can't be part-time."

Right now the Nets do not seem to possess that mental toughness. Despite a healthy Deron Williams and with Kevin Garnett playing reasonably well

Borough battle

The Knicks and Nets meet for the second time this season Tuesday at Madison Square Garden (7:30 p.m.).

- Brooklyn took the first meeting, 110-99, at home on Nov. 7.
- The Knicks have dropped their last four games and are 4-14 on the season.



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Deron Williams is averaging 17.9 points per game this season. / GETTY IMAGES

for someone in his 20th season, it's been one disappointment after another for fans and management alike.

The flex offense that was supposed to showcase an effective inside-out game, based on ball movement, has not materialized

and rim protection has become a murky proposition. On Sunday, the Bulls were 18 of 26 from inside 10 feet.

The Nets are also 24th in assist percentage at 53.9 and 24th in offensive

rebounding percentage. And they're among the worst in the NBA at making shots from 10 to 14 feet and at stopping shots inside.

Overall, the Nets have a middling offense at

best, ranked No. 18, with a defense that ranks in the NBA's bottom third in nearly every category.

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NHL power rankings | by Rich Slate

No. 1



Penguins
(16-5-2)

The top six teams in the NHL all have 36 points. How do we sort them out? Pittsburgh has the best goal-differential with a plus-26 mark. Good for No. 1 this week, at least.

No. 2

Lightning
(16-6-2)



Tampa Bay leads the league with 85 goals scored and have won their last three games. A healthy Ben Bishop makes them a Stanley Cup contender.

No. 3

Predators
(16-5-2)



The Predators are tied with the Blues for most points in the deep Western Conference. Pekka Rinne leads the NHL with 16 wins thus far.

No. 4

Islanders
(17-7-0)



The Islanders are making sure their last season on Long Island is a memorable one. They're 9-2-0 at Nassau Coliseum and 8-2-0 overall in their last 10 games.

No. 5

Blues
(16-6-2)



The Blues own a 7-2-1 record in their last 10 games. Brian Elliott is out indefinitely so the Blues signed Martin Brodeur on a tryout basis.

No. 6

'Hawks
(15-8-1)



Chicago is red hot, having won its last three games and having gone 8-2-0 in the past 10. The Blackhawks have allowed the second fewest goals in the NHL (48).

No. 7

Flames
(15-8-2)



There isn't a bigger surprise in the NHL this season than the Flames. We keep waiting for them to fall back but they just keep on winning.

No. 8

Canucks
(16-7-1)



Vancouver is another surprise team that is still rolling. The Canucks just began a brutal seven-game road trip, but they are 9-4-0 on the road this season.

No. 9

Ducks
(14-6-5)



Like the other California teams, Anaheim had a rough month. The Ducks are just 4-3-3 in their last 10 games and are coming off back-to-back losses.

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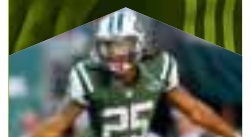
Henry done with Red Bulls

The Red Bulls' biggest star will not be back for the 2015 season as 37-year-old Thierry Henry said Monday that he has played his final game with New York.

"I am taking this opportunity to announce that unfortunately Saturday was my last game for the New York Red Bulls," Henry wrote on his Facebook page.

"The decision has always been that I would leave after the duration of my contract and although that was never going to change, I didn't want it to distract from the progress of the team."

The Red Bulls were eliminated from the MLS playoffs by New England this past weekend.



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